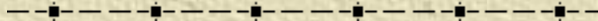
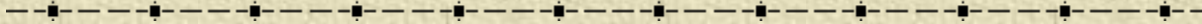


LONDON

WELCOME TO LONDON!



Trafalgar Square



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There are always a lot of people and pigeons on the square.

Every winter there is a big Christmas tree which is a gift from Norway in the middle of the square.

On New Year's Eve people gather around the tree.

In the middle of the square there is Admiral Nelson's Column.



Buckingham Palace



- ✦ This is the Queen's home.
- ✦ It was built in 1703.
- ✦ There is a great collection of paintings.

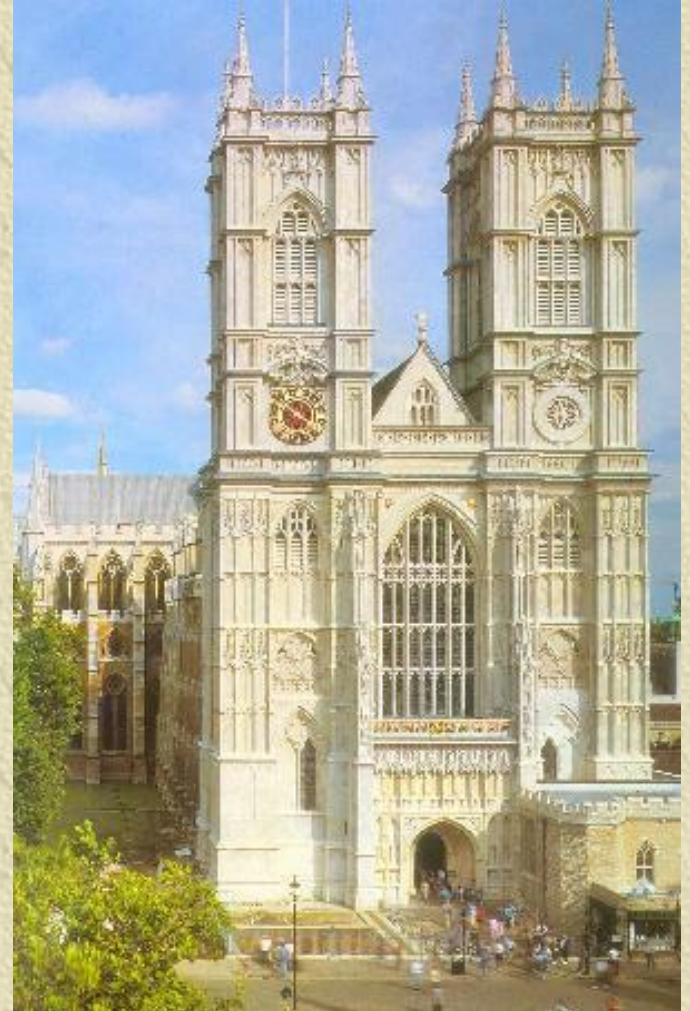
The Queen of Great Britain

- ✦ The Queen of Great Britain is Elizabeth II. Her husband is Duke of Edinburgh.
- ✦ They have got 4 grown-up children: Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.



Westminster Abbey

This is a holy place.
All English kings have
been crowned and buried
in the church since 1308.



Westminster Cathedral



It was built between 1895 and 1903.

This is the seat of the Cardinal Archbishop and the leading Roman Catholic Church in England.

Its bell tower is 84 metres high.

The Houses of Parliament

- ✦ This big palace is the most famous building in the world – the British Parliament.
- ✦ The building is 280 metres long.
- ✦ There are more than 1000 rooms.



Big Ben



- ✦ Big Ben, the big clock tower, is the symbol of London. It strikes hours.

Tower

- The Tower of London has been a fortress, a palace, an arsenal, a mint, a prison, an observatory, a zoo, the home of the Crown Jewels and a tourist attraction.



Imperial State Crown

- The Tower's greatest treasure is the Imperial State Crown.
- There are 2 800 diamonds on it.



Beefeaters



- ✦ The guards of the Tower are called Beefeaters.
- ✦ The legend says that if the ravens leave, the Tower and the country will fall.



Tower Bridge

✦ The most famous bridge in London is a Tower bridge.



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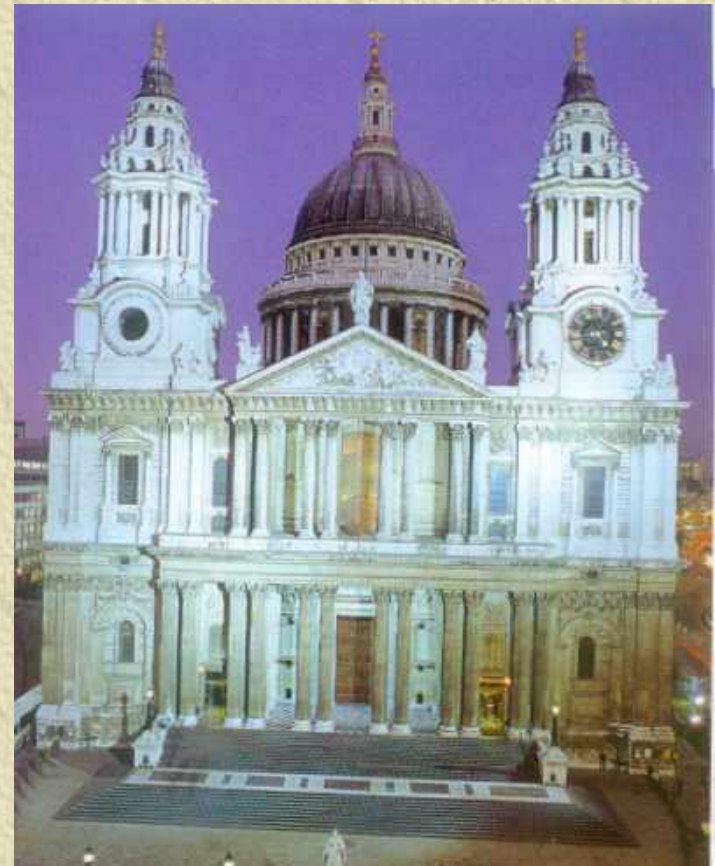
Tower Bridge is a bascule-bridge.

The bascules will open to let ships pass through.

St. Paul's Cathedral

St. Paul's Cathedral is a famous building too.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana married here in 1981.



Madame Tussauds Waxmuseum



- ✦ Here you can see famous people, good and bad, made of wax.
- ✦ This is Queen Elizabeth I.

King Henry VIII with his wives



Double-deckers



There are big red buses called double-deckers in London. People sit upstairs and downstairs on these buses. Tourists like them very much.

Taxis

Taxis in London are old-fashioned black cars.



Telephone booths

From here you can call your friends.



River Thames



- ✦ Thames flows through London.
- ✦ The River Thames is 338 km long.
- ✦ It is 245 m wide here.
- ✦ Even big seaships can visit London.